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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: EVALUATION (item 4 (b))

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations Environment Programme and the administrative practices of its secretariat, including the United Nations Office at Nairobi

1. At its 3rd and 4th meeting, on 10 and 11 June 1997, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the administrative practices of its secretariat, including the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/51/810), the management study recommended by the Committee at its thirty-fifth session as a follow-up to the in-depth evaluation of the programme on environment (E/AC.51/1995/3 and Corr.1).

Discussion

2. Members of the Committee were informed that the report had been presented to the Fifth Committee and discussed extensively in informal consultations and that, at its nineteenth session, the UNEP Governing Council had adopted decisions pertinent to issues raised in the report; those issues would continue to receive attention during the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly on review of implementation of Agenda 21. Several delegations expressed the view that Member States should be informed about the measures taken to address the issues raised in the report.

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3. Several delegations underlined the role and mandate of UNEP as the focal point and a catalyst of the environmental activities of the United Nations system. Several delegations considered that the reform should be restricted to management issues only.

4. Some delegations welcomed the completeness of the report, expressed concern about its findings and urged that the recommendations be put into effect without further delay.

Action

5. The Committee took note of the report and looked forward to the full implementation of its recommendations in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Council of UNEP at its nineteenth session.